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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 610-X-3-.07 Closing A Program

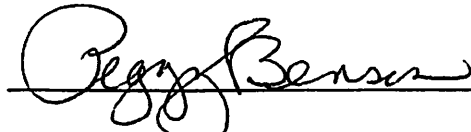
**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend a rule relating to education.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to promulgate ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-3-.07, to provide clarity regarding responsibilities for nursing education programs that are ceasing operations. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or verbal comments will be accepted until Thursday, May 5, 2022. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at [Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov](mailto:Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov) or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**  
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.

  
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Executive Officer

610-X-3-.07      Closing A Program.

(1)      A nursing program may be closed due to withdrawal of Board approval or may close voluntarily.

(2)      A governing institution seeking to close a nursing education program shall submit written notification to the Board at least six (6) months prior to the planned closing date.

(3)      An acceptable nursing program closure plan shall be developed and submitted to the Board for approval within thirty days of nursing program closure notification. The governing institution shall ensure that all standards for nursing education programs are maintained and all necessary courses are taught until the last student is transferred or graduated.

(4)      The governing institution shall secure and provide for the permanent custody and storage of records of students and graduates. The Board shall be notified of the location and method of retrieving information from these records.

(5)      Any nursing program under a closure plan shall submit to the Board confirmation, in writing, that the closure plan has been fully implemented when the closure plan has been completed.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2(1).

**History:** Filed September 29, 1982. **Amended:** Filed April 1, 1985; effective May 6, 1985. **Amended:** Filed

July 23, 1997; effective August 27, 1997. **Repealed and New**

**Rule:** Filed July 22, 2002; effective August 26, 2002. **Amended:** Filed September 25, 2006; effective October 30, 2006. **Amended**

**(Rule Number Only):** Filed November 19, 2010; effective December 24, 2010. **Amended:** Filed November 21, 2016; effective January 5, 2017. **Amended (Number Rule Only):** Published November 30, 2020; effective January 14, 2021.

**Ed. Note:** Rule 610-X-3-.05 was renumber to .07 as per certification filed September 25, 2006; effective October 30, 2006. Rule .07 was renumbered to .08 as per certification filed November 19, 2010; effective December 24, 2010. Previous Rule 610-X-3-.08 renumbered .07 per certification published November 30, 2020; effective January 14, 2021.